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1. REFAIR, WHICH OBVIOUSLY CROSSED WITH REFTELS, SHOULD ANSWER MOST OF QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTELS. SPECIFICALLY REGARDING SALE OF U206 BY AIR SERVICE TO G. MARSOT, CASE NUMBER 146459, EMBASSY DOES NOT SHARE OPINION EXPRESSED REF B THAT JANUARY 24 TELEX FROM A. CRAIG BEGGED QUESTION OF RE-EXPORT. AS REFAIR AND LIBREVILLE 1253 POINT OUT, AIR SERVICE IS CESSNA DISTRIBUTORSHIP FOR ALL OF FRANCO-PHONE WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA. THUS, ANY RE-EXPORT OF PLANE (IF IN FACT IT EVER HAPPENED) WOULD BE TO ONE OF THESE COUNTRIES, NOT REPEAT NOT TO RHODESIA. IT OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR EITHER AIR SERVICE OR MARSOT TO GIVE NAME AND COUNTRY OF SOMEONE WHO MIGHT REPURCHASE PLANE IN SEVERAL YEARS WHEN (A) PLANE HAS NOT EVEN BEEN DELIVERED TO MARSOT AND (B) WHEN MARSOT HAS NOT DECIDED TO SELL PLANE BACK TO AIR SERVICE, BUT RATHER SEES THIS AS MERE POSSIBILITY.

2. EMBASSY THUS BELIEVES AIR SERVICE HAS ACCURATELY AND FAIRLY PRESENTED CASE REGARDING THE U206. IT WILL BE SOLD BY AIR SERVICE TO G. MARSOT OF PORT-GENTIL FOR USE IN HIS WOOD INDUSTRY. (AS POINTED OUT IN LIBREVILLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1253, THIS IS PRINCIPAL USE FOR SMALL PLANES IN GABON

AND NOT UNUSUAL BY ANY MEANS.) AFTER SEVERAL YEARS, MARSOT MAY SELL PLANE BACK TO AIR SERVICE (PERHAPS AS PART OF A TRADE-IN) WHICH IN TURN MIGHT RE-SELL IT TO A CUSTOMER IN ITS BUSINESS AREA, WHICH INCLUDES FRANCO-PHONE AFRICA. IF THE PLANE WERE TO BE SOLD OUTSIDE GABON, AIR SERVICE IS AWARE OF THE FORMS THAT MUST AT THAT TIME BE SUBMITTED. FYI. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NO WTDR INFORMATION ON MARSOT, SOURCES IN LIBREVILLE SAY HE IS SERIOUS BUSINESSMAN WHO HEADS COMPANY CALLED SOCIETE DES TRANSPORT MARSOT (STM) BASED IN PORT-GENTIL. STM HAS SEVERAL WOOD CONCESSIONS OF ITS OWN THAT IT EXPLOITS, BUT BUSINESS' PRINCIPAL RAISON D'ETRE IS TRANSPORT OF SUPPLIES, MAIL, AND PEOPLE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS WOOD CONCESSIONS AND PORT-GENTIL. THUS THE NECESSITY FOR A CESSNA. EMBASSY REQUESTING WTDR INFORMATION. END FYI.

3. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS IN REFTTEL C, GABONESE AIR FORCE DOES IN FACT OPERATE GRUMMAN GULFSTREAM THAT WAS SOLD TO GOG FOR PRESIDENTIAL USE AND FINANCED BY EXIM. AIR FORCE HAS ONLY PILOTS IN COUNTRY CAPABLE OF FLYING GULFSTREAM AND IS CHARGED WITH MAINTAINING PLANE FOR PRESIDENT. REFAIR POINTS OUT THAT AIR SERVICE DOES REALIZE THAT IT NECESSARY TO HAVE SEPARATE COMMERCE AUTHORIZATION TO RE-EXPORT AIRCRAFT AND THAT AT THAT TIME CUSTOMER MUST BE IDENTIFIED.

4. EMBASSY HOPES THAT LICENSES, ESPECIALLY ONE FOR MARSOT WHO IS ANXIOUSLY WAITING FOR PLANE, CAN BE EXPEDITIOUSLY GRANTED AND REGRETS CLIMATE OF SUSPICION THAT CONTINUES TO HANG OVER AIR SERVICE DESPITE ITS PAST RECORD AND REPEATED ASSURANCES ON ITS PART.
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